

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIE H. KNOX,  
Petitioner,

v.

RALPH DIAZ, Warden,  
Respondent.

Case No. 22-cv-00668-NC (PR)

**ORDER OF TRANSFER**

Petitioner, a state prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner seeks resentencing from a sentence issued by the Superior Court of Orange County. Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, petitions challenging a conviction or sentence are preferably heard in the district of conviction. *See* Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b)(1); *Laue v. Nelson*, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Here, because petitioner challenges a conviction from Orange County, the Central District of California is the district of conviction.

Accordingly, this case is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). The Clerk shall terminate all pending motions and transfer the entire file to the Central District of California.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: April 18, 2022

  
NATHANAEL M. COUSINS  
United States Magistrate Judge